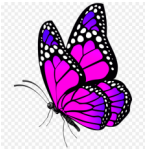


Class Updates - 03.10.2025

Reception Butterflies update



The children have been working and playing hard in Butterfly class this week. We are making great progress with our Phonics, introducing four new sounds 'g. o. c. k' and blending them to read words. We have been enjoying some group reading time, sharing ideas and stories with our new friends.

In Maths we have been looking at measuring, comparing size, mass and capacity as well as focusing on the numbers 4 and 5 in ten town.

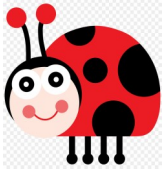
As Autumn is upon us, we have been exploring signs of Autumn and learning about Harvest time. We are making Scarecrow art to show the school at our Harvest Assembly on Monday morning.

Mrs McInnes was very impressed with how well they did in their first full Forest School session. The children absolutely love spending time learning outdoors and showed how independent they can be, organising their belongings and exploring the outdoor environment.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the phonics workshop on Tuesday. If you were unable to come, please do have a look at the Parent section of the Little Wandle website <https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> and read through the hand out that I have sent home with the children this afternoon. Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Nicholson, Miss Hunter and Miss Murnane





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Ladybird class have been hard at work this week and achieved so much!

In maths we have been comparing numbers using greater than $>$, less than $<$ and equal to $=$.

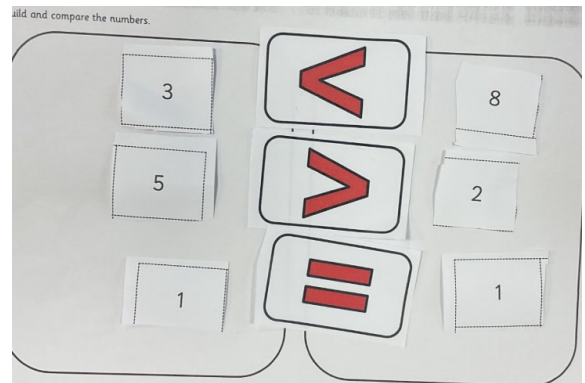
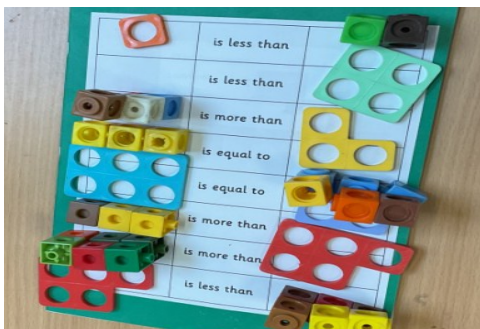
In English, we have started looking at non-sense poetry and have begun learning to recite 'On The Ning Nang Nong' by Spike Milligan. In PE we practised passing the ball and moving into a space in a game of football.

In Forest school we made our Harvest Festival wands which we look forward to sharing with you in church on Monday. During art, we continued looking at the artwork of Bronwyn Bancroft and watercolour-painted our own landscape, ready to add finer details to next week.

In RE, we have began making our own mini flip books of the creation story and discussing the importance of harvest festival.

On Thursday, we enjoyed a trip to the library and enjoyed activities based on our 'Super Duper Me' topic.

Mrs Holmes and the Year 1 team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week has been a busy and exciting one in Year 2!

In **Maths**, the children have been working hard on their times tables. We have also been exploring how numbers link to base 10, helping the children to deepen their understanding of place value.

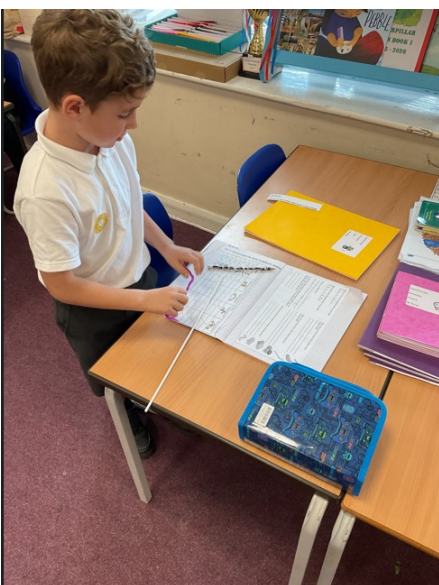
In **English**, we have been learning about the key features of a diary entry. The children have done brilliantly at spotting these features in different texts, especially in our focus book *Lubna and the Pebble*.

In **French**, the children have been learning the names of different colours. They have particularly enjoyed linking this to their work in **Art**, where we have been studying primary and secondary colours. The children had lots of fun experimenting with mixing colours to see what new shades they could create.

Finally, just a small reminder. In **Reading**, our focus in Year 2 is on revisiting and securing the Phase 5 sounds from Year 1. The children have many opportunities throughout the week to change their books and take home a variety of texts to enjoy. Please encourage the children to ask to change their books if they need to do so! Thank you for your continued support with reading at home—it makes such a difference!

Well done Year 2 for another fantastic week of learning!

Mr Brown & the Year 2 Team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

We've had another exciting and busy week in class! Here's a snapshot of what the children have been learning and experiencing. This week, in maths, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction. The children have been focusing on improving their mental maths skills and using known facts such as number bonds to 10 to help them solve harder calculations. In English, the children have been looking at planning and writing their own letters. They have been working on organising their ideas, using correct punctuation and making sure their writing is clear and engaging. Next week we will be writing our final recount letters! In Science, we have continued exploring magnets this week. The children conducted an investigation to find out whether magnets can work through different materials. They made predictions, carried out experiments and recorded their findings — showing great curiosity and scientific thinking. In RE, we explored a Sikh ceremony of Taking Amrit. The children learnt about its meaning and significance and discussed how traditions help people mark important moments in their lives.

We had a truly memorable day at the museum, where we were completely immersed in the world of the Ancient Egyptians. The children enjoyed hands-on activities, exploring artefacts and learning about life in Ancient Egypt. It was a fantastic experience that brought our history topic to life!

Thank you for your continued support — the children's enthusiasm and effort have been wonderful to see this week. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

Another great week in year 4!

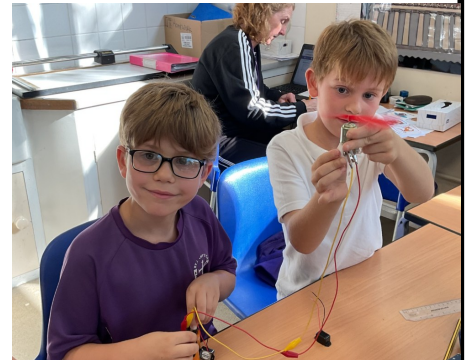
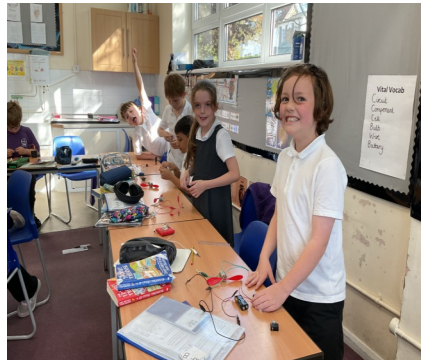
This week, the class have been great scientists! They have conducted investigations with circuits and components, observing what happens when they add components and explaining why a circuit may not be working.

In **Maths**, we have looked at Roman Numerals and taken on lots of challenges related to this. We have also started to look at rounding numbers to the nearest ten and hundred.

The children have been showing their creativity in **Art**, using different mediums and techniques such as cross-hatching and stippling to support their patterns for their Greek pottery pieces. Their commitment and attention to detail has been really lovely to see.

Well done on a great week Fireflies!

Mrs Tagg and the Year 4 team





Year 5 Busybees Update

This week in Maths, we have been looking at Roman numerals and solving problems using them. In English, our focus has been using adjectives and expanded noun phrases to add interest to our writing.

In History, we looked at the moon landing, The children got into groups to create a news report about this momentous occasion. They then presented their findings to the class in the style of a TV news report.

For Harvest Festival next week, we have made produce baskets highlighting the importance of farming and locally sourced fruits and vegetables. These will then be displayed at the end of the pews in the church for our service.

In PSHCE, the class looked at the importance of community and how we can become valued members of different communities, including: our school community, our local community, our national community and our global community. The children thought about all the different communities they are part of and what values we need to contribute positively to each of them.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Miss Driscoll





Year 6 Dragonflies update

Year 6 have had another great week, showing real focus and teamwork across all of their subjects.

In English, the children have been finishing off their writing and then supporting each other with editing. It was fantastic to see so much collaboration, with pupils giving constructive feedback and helping one another to improve their work.

In History, we looked at the Mayan number system. It was very different from ours, as they used pictures of sticks, pebbles and shells to represent their numbers. Can your child remember what base the Mayan columns were in?

In RE, we explored the importance of harvest and the traditions linked to it. The children wrote their own harvest poems and also learnt about four different types of prayer: thankfulness, intercession, forgiveness and blessing.

In Science, we studied Darwin's trip to the Galapagos Islands and how his observations helped him to develop his theory of evolution. Can your child explain what Darwin discovered about the birds he found there?

In Maths, we've been working on percentages. The children practised finding different percentages of numbers and, although it was tricky at times, they persevered really well and made strong progress. Another brilliant week of learning from Year 6—well done everyone!

Have a great weekend,
Mr Clarke

